\$7.90.

Pennsylvania Avenue and Seventh Street.

Estimates Free For making to order Window Shades, and Upholstery Work.

PICTURES—Lot of Medal-lion Passepartouts and Framed Pictures, Sx10 and 10x12; slightly scarred, but worth up to 50c. Choice—

DOLLS-Let of Kid Doll Bodies, slightly soiled, worth up to \$1.50, for 10c.—Lot of Jointed and Kid Dolls and Dolls' Shoes, worth up to 75c. Choice—

HAMMOCKS - In shipmen

10 Light-color, Large 4-ply Cotton Hammocks were sofled; they were intended to sell at \$1. We shall not put them in regular stock, but on special sale tomorrow at—

FISHING RODS AND BAS.

FISHING RODS AND BAS-KETS-10 Fishing Baskets, slightly damaged, worth \$1.50, for 25c.—Lot of 3-joint Fish-ing Rods, slightly imperfect, worth up to 50c.—

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MEN'S HOSE—Broken lot of Men's Red Half Hose, with silk embroidery; worth 50c. a pair, for 25c.—Broken sizes of regular 25c. Hose, mostly size 9½; for—

MEN'S CUFFS—Pure 4-ply Linen Cuffs, in sizes 8½, 9 and 9½; slightly solled, and styles we are going to dis-continue; worth 15c. a pair—

MEN'S UNDERWEAR-

MEN'S CARDEN WEAR-Broken sizes Men's Mediam-weight Camel's Hair Shirts and Drawers; Shirts larga sizes only; Drawers 30, 34, 42 and 44; worth \$1 a garment—

 10^{c}

SUSPENDERS-About 3

dozen Fancy Web Suspenders, with patent cast-off; worth

 10°

INFANTS' REEFERS-A11

3-year sizes or under, but pretty little Ladies' Cloth Reefers, in Blue, Red, Brown and Green, and worth up to \$3; choice—

\$ 1 .00

INFANTS' CAPS-Lot of In-

fants' Caps, that are strictly in fashionable shapes, but are a little mussed; choice—

dren's Flannelette Skirts that have been 50c., for 15c.— Canton Flannel Night Dresses that have been 55c. and 60c., for 25c.—Infants' Shirts that have been 20c.

GO-CARTS-1 Stationary Go-

Cart, with Green running gear and rubber tires, reduced from \$10 to \$6.50; also 1 Adjustable Go-Cart, slightly soiled, reduced from \$6 to—

\$4.00

OILCLOTH-25 Offcloth

BRAINARD & ARMSTRONG

BRAINARD & ARMSTRONG SILKS—The kind that are 50c, a dozen skelns, in good assort-ment of embroidery colors, 25c, dozen.—Also 25 pounds Black and White German-town Wools, worth 25c, a bank—

Mats, 4-4 size. In good pat-terns: worth 35c. each, for 25c.—Also 10 pieces 16-inch Stair Officioth, desirable pat-terns; worth 9c. a yard—

for 25c. Infams Sand have been 30c., for 12 1/2 c.

MEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS-

Initial Handkerchiefs, all letters; worth 25c.

Friday Bargains.

Remnants—in some cases our remnants—in other cases wholesalers' remnants which amount to small lots. In both cases they are veritable bargains-because, though standard values, we cut the prices round about half—some not so deep—some a good bit deeper.

LADIES' SILK-LINED SUITS made up in all-wool Gray check, Double Breasted; very stylish, but only 25 Suits is the reason of REDUCING them from \$16.50 to

LADIES' SKIRTS Walking

feta or satin; actual value

SILK WAISTS-Just a small lot of Taffeta Silk Waists, in the prevailing shades and styles; last of a regular \$5 \$3.95

SH.K REMNANTS-Nearly Silk REMNANTS-Nearly 500 yards of the popular Silks in lengths from 1 to 10 yards; Foulards, Taffetas, Silk Pop-lins, Satins and many novel-ties; light and dark shades, plenty of Blacks, and regular 75c and \$1 grades, Choice—

44°.

DRESS GOODS REMNANTS Waist and Children's dress lengths of Black and Colored Henrictias, Serges, Mohairs, Parolas, Novelties, of the highest class of this season's weavings, that have been sell-ing up to 75c, a yard—

LADIES' GLOVES-Broken

lot of Trefousse and Perrin's Finest French Kid Gloves; of course, not all sizes in all the shades, but \$2 Gloves

pairs of Misses' Kid Gloves, in White, Tan, Mode and Red; regular \$1 Gloves for

LISLE THREAD GLOVES-Ladies' 2-clasp Liste Thread Gloves; White, Black, Modes

and Gray; self or Black stitched; broken sizes break the price from 25c, a pair to 19^{c}

CHIFFONS—Short lengths of chiffons, Mousselines and Lib-erty Silks, that are slightly mussed from handling, but they will serve you splen-didiy, Worth 75c, a yard—

25°

LACES—The last of that pecial purchase of 7c. and oc. Point d'Esprit Laces and Insertings: this ends the lot 31/2°

VEILING-Yard lengths of Black Veiling, funcy mesh, with or without dots; regular

GILT BUTTONS Last few dozens of those popular Glit Trimming Buttons; they are not all of one size, but are not all of one worth oc. a dozen-

in short lengths of Nainsook and Cambric Edgings and Insertings, of from 2 to 5-inch widths; big variety of patterns; worth 10c. and 12c. a

PERSIAN TUCKING - 100

vards of the sheer and fine Persian Lawn Tucking, 22 inches wide; regular price 75c.

55°

SKIRTING-1.200 yards

SkilkTiNG-1.200 yards or Embroidered Skirting, 9 to 13 inches wide, and the the quantities are small there are about 12 patterns to select from, instead of 50c, a yard— 25°. ``

WINTER WHEAT.

Average Condition Higher Than for

Several Years.

The statistician of the Department o

Agriculture in his report for April shows

LADIES' NECKWEAR-The odds and ends of the 50c. line of Ladies' Neckwear that has become mussed or soiled by handling will be on sale tomorrow at

COLLARS AND REVERS 8 of those handsome Batiste Appliqued Collars and Re-Ecru: worth 75c. 39°.

LADIES' COLLARS Turn-over Embroidered Tab Col-lars; White and Ecru; the regular price is 10c., but this is only a small lot.

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L'AIGLON THES-Made of ribbon and lace insertion, with spike ends; assorted col-ors; worth 25c.

LADIES' HANDKER CHIEFS Pure Linen Hem-stitched; worth 15c., for 11c. —Ten dezen Embroidered Handkerchiefs that are slightly soiled, reduced from 12½c, to 5c.—And Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, worth 5c., for 21/20:

WASH GOODS — Remnants of Satines, in Blue and Black Figured effects, and 36-inch Percales, light and dark grounds; both lots are this season's patterns, and worth from loc to 20c 8 yard—

NAPKINS — The odd half dozens of Linen Napkins that have sold at \$1.25 a dozen; they are % size and splendid value. For half dozen— 50°

CARLSBAD DINNER SETS -Three housekeepers can each have one of the biggest bar-Sams of the season; these Sets belong to our Christmas importation, and are especially choice and artistic; regular price, \$16.75—

\$0.95

JARDINIERES-8 Quadruple plated Silver Jardinleres, bright cut, with embossed band; handsome ornaments;

VEGETABLE DISHES-About a dozen Imperial Porce-lain Vegetable Dishes, with cover; decorated with bright flowers and gold lines; worth \$1-

49°.

RIBBONS-The Aisle Tables

will be filled again tomorrow will be filled again tomorrow with this great sale of Fancy Ribbons, including the wide stripes and cord effects that are most popular; all pure silk taffets, 4 inches wide, and sell usually at 19c, a

0000 000000 00000000000000000 MILLINERY-We shall make the extraordinary offer tomor-row in our Millinery Depart-ment of 15 Trimmed Hats that were produced for our famous

were produced for our famous \$4.95 grade, which makes them worth \$7.50— \$3.95

UNTRIMMED HATS-Ten

ROSES—Big American Beauty Roses and Flat Roses; the Beauties are made of muslin and chiffon; all colors; three in the bunch; worth 75c., for—

\$0000000000000000000000000000

pairs of Ventilating Corsets, in scattering elzes-

WRAPPERS-Ladies' Per-cale Wrappers, in dark shades; full cut and perfect fitting; none worth under \$1. Choice-

WATCHES—Nickel Watches, both stem winder and stem setter; guaranteed for one year; jeweler's price, \$1.25. We'll sell 35 tomorrow at—

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JEWELRY—Shell Neck Combs, set with jewels, worth 50c., for 19c.—\$1 Black Be a ded Chatelaine Bags, for 39c.—50c. Ster-ling Silver Penknives, 2 blades, for 17c.—and 15c. Turquoise Stick Pins, worth 15c., for— JEWELRY - Shell Neck

0000 000000 00000000000000(∑)00000000000000 000000 00000 NOTIONS-100 of these NOTIONS-100 of the se "Handy Packages," contain-ing Spool Cotton, Thimble, Tape, Needles, Hair Pins, Darning Cotton, Black Pins, Hooks and Eyes, Tape Meas-ure and Ironing Wax, all worth 25c., for—

0000 000000 000000000000000000 LININGS—Short lengths of Mercerized Satine, Moire Per-caline, Twilled Silesia and Stiff Canvas; Black, White and colors, in 1 to 6-yard lengths; worth from 10c, to 18c, a yard—

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BOYS' GOLF SUITS-11 Boys' All-wool Golf and Bi-cycle Sults, that have been selling at \$6 and \$6.50; sizes scattering from 8 to 15 years-\$3.50

BOYS' SUITS-18 Double-breasted Knee Pants Sults and Novelty Suits; of the for-mer, sizes 8, 9, 15 and 16 years; of the latter, sizes 3 to 8 years; worth \$2-\$ 11 .29

ROYS' SAILOR SUITS-9 Blue Serge Sailor Suits, with large collar, trimmed with large collar, trimmed with White silk soutache braid; sizes 3, 6, 7, 9 and 10 years; worth \$3.50—

LADIES' VESTS-S w 1 8 8

LADIES' VESTS-Silk and and no sleeves; lace fronts and silk-taped neck and arms;

ž00000000000000000000000000000000 LADIES' HOSE—Full Seam-less Hose, in Fast Black and colors; plain and vertical stripes; most all combina-tions, but not all sizes; worth 15c. everywhere—

LADIES' HOSE—Full Reg-ular Made Fust Black Hose, with double soles, heels and toes; none better anywhere for 25c, a pair—

HOSE-Fast CHILDREN'S Black Liste-finished Hose, with double soles, heels and toes; most all sizes, worth 19c, a pair—

CAMERAS-6 Box Camera with plate holder; size 4x5; regular price, \$3.50; in per-fect condition— \$ 11.50

CRAMER PLATES 4 dozen Cramer Photographic Plates, size 5x7; they are unquestion-ably good, but not as fresh as we must sell at full price; worth 95c, a dozen—

ing \$455 a ton. greatly benefited should this new process be a success, as there is a discrepancy of \$305 between the present price being

Local Pensions Granted. Pensions were granted today to citizen

of the District as follows: Mary L. Jack. son, \$8; Joseph McKeown, Soldiers' Home \$50; William Brandt, Soldiers' Home, \$12; Olstead Turner, dead, \$12; Mary M. Spran-Promised to Move.

ly house on Georgia avenue southeast. He

A MATTER OF MONEY

> Question of Settlement of the War in South Africa.

ENGLAND'S OFFER WAS TOO SMALL

Rapid Increase of Taxes on Account of the Struggle.

DECLINE IN BIRTH RATE

Special Correspondence of The Evening Star.

LONDON, March 20, 1901. It seems a pity that with terms so gen erous as those which the British offered to the Boers that a way could not have been found to make them so acceptable to the leaders of the lost republics that an end could be put at once to the war. If it were merely a matter of money such an objection should not be allowed to stand in the way of peace for a moment. This government offered to assume Boer debts to the amount of £1,000,000 and "to take into consideration" the project of lending Boer farmers enough to start life again on their now desolate farms. That was Mr. Cham-

berlain's rather vague way of amending

Lord Kitchener's more generous proposal.

It is now learned on the authority of a recently taken Boer who has lately seen Messrs. Steyn, De Wet and other leaders, that the two chief things the Boers ask for as a price of surrender are the dismissal of Sir Alfred Milner as governor and £3,000,of the strainer as governor and to, ow, of the coup with. It the war is costing about f1,500,000 a week it will be seen how little any reasonable amount of money ought to count if the British are prepared to accept the principle of giving any at all, and if one particular man stands in the way of a settlement why not give him a post elsewhere and place another there? I fear, though, that the government will prefer to carry on a war which will de-mand many hundreds of deaths of brave men and swallow up many millions of money rather than to seem to accept Boer terms. As far as I can see the sound way to look at it is this: The British have obtained what they were fighting for, i. e., the sovereignty and annexation of the Transvaal, and having secured these they can afford to be as generous as they please. Let them give ten millions if necessary, it is cheaper than continuing the war for ten weeks, and if Milner, who the Boers firmly believe has always been opposed to them and had a large share in making the war, prevents a satisfactory settlement, how much better to sacrifice him than to lose more lives than treasure.

Terms Are Generous.

Though the terms are generous they canend of six weeks, after straining the re-sources of an already hard-pushed treasury, an even larger sum will be required by the Boer rank and file to settle down with it Britain is to govern a fairly contented country.

There may be, and probably are, other reasons which we do not yet know why the terms were rejected, but one cannot help noticing throughout the negotiations that practically the same unyielding spirit marks the conduct of the British government that obtained when the American colonies wished their grievances to be taken into considerwho represent the feeling of thousands of Boers and their friends in South Africa and their opinions and plans for their friends the Boers before the council who will dec'de the fates of the republics. Their petition has been "tabled" and doubtless will be completely ignored.

Times and other government organs ile the "peculiar pretensions" of ridicule the "peculiar pretensions" of Messrs. Sauer and Merriman, and are inpeople here, however, see danger in this, Westminster Gazette, a loyal, nded paper, says: "The facts broad-minded paper, says: "The facts about Messrs. Sauer and Merriman, whether we like them or not, are simply that their 'peculiar' opinions are those of all but harf of the Cape legislature, and just about half of the British colonists in South Afri We may override them, as we done in the policy which led to the Boer war, but reckon with them we no blindness could be more obstinate and dangerous than that which insists on regarding them as 'peculiar' or as manufactured by Boer wire pullers on the conti-

The government has evidently accepted the breakdown as conclusive for the present and means to push on the war with all possible vigor, as the surest way of bring-ing it quickly to an end. Heavy drafts of veomanry left Aldershot yesterday for the ront. Three special trains were dispatched, carrying in all some 1,500 men. The whole of the Imperial Yeomanry will be dispatched from Aldersaot during the coming week, so that no time will be lost in getting the reinforcements out. A contingent of the Suffolk Volunteers also started for South Africa yesterday. Many more contingents are preparing for immediate Tuesday no fewer than eleven vessels-car rying nearly 5,000 men and more than 1,200 horses—will have sailed. This looks like

Census Week in England.

This is census week in Great Britain and the busiest people are census takers. It is expected that the results will show a population of 40,000,000 in Great Britain and Ireland. The last census, ten years ago, was a disappointment, as it was nearly a million short of the estimates. For the purposes of the census the united kinghas been parceled out into about 40, 000 districts, under 2,061 registrars and 635 superintendent registrars. Each of these officials has received a printed volume of so divided that no single enumerator shall have charge of more than 300 families. Ten million forms have had to be printed and distributed, 50,000 enumerators' memorandum books have had to be sent out, 50,000 enumeration books, and countless schedules and circulars for public institu tions, ships, prisons and other places, some of them in different languages. The counting of the people will cost considerably over half a million dollars, which a simple calculation shows to work out at rather more than one cent for every man woman and child counted. The pay of the

officials has been increased since the last counting. Each counter will receive \$5 and an extra 80 cents for every hundred persons counted over 400. One of the most menacing conditions in England is the decline in the birthrate. There are now 500 fewer births daily in the united kingdom than there were twenty years ago. During the five years from 1894 to 1898 there were 5,750,000 births in the united kingdom, whereas, had the birth-rate been the same as in the five years from 1874 to 1878, the number of births

would have been over a million more-

6,780,000. The depopulation of France is a standing subject of speculation, but the fact is since 1874-8 the decline in the English birthrate has been greater than that of France. Taking England and Wales, the loss since 1874-8 has been 17 per cent, while in France it has been only 10 per cent. Eng-land, however, does not stand alone. Ger-many birthrate has lost 10 per cent since

and other taxes on account of the war, so that the pressure on the chancellor of the that the pressure on the chancellor of the exchequer to impose duties on foreign imports is more severe this session than ever.

Mr. Walter Palmer, one of the famous biscuit firm, and whose brother is the radical member for Reading, will ask the chancellor whether, with a view to the provision of the increased revenue from tayacter. even in states reporting a fairly high condition on April 1, as to the possible developments of the next thirty days.

government of this new armor, which can promised to move out of the neighborhood at once and his personal bonds to do so which will be necessary, he will favorably consider the expediency of an ad valorem

fiscal duty on certain imported manufactured articles, amounting to more than one hundred millions of pounds in value, rather than any new duty on imported food products, whether used for actual food or manufacturing purposes. Sir Howard Viacent, like Mr. Palmer, desires that breadstuffs and raw materials be admitted free, but he also desires to have the area of indirect taxation enlarged, and thinks this may be achieved in the coming budget by readjusting the inequality now existing. By way of opening an opportunity, Sir Howard readjusting the inequality now existing. By way of opening an opportunity, Sir Howard will remind the chancellor that of the oversea goods brought into the markets of the united kingdom only 6 per cent are charged duty. The latter, amounting to thirty-two millions in value in 1900, paid a duty of 80 per cent. One-half of that duty was raised out articles of food yet propositions in the on articles of food not producible in the united kingdom, and pald 47% per cent ad valorem duty, while the remainder was raised on tobacco. The home office is just now overwhelmed with a flood of "loyal adresses" to the

king on his majesty's accession to the throne, for all these addresses have to pass through the home office. In some of the rooms the addresses are in piles on the chairs, tables and floor. They are received in covers of all sorts and sizes. A large number have been rolled and packed inside leather-covered cylinders, varying from leather-covered cylinders, varying from one foot to eighteen inches long and three to four inches in diameter. Others are in album form; others are either in square bexes an inch or so deep and from twelve to eighteen inches square, or in elaborate wooden frames. The albums are all beautifully decorated in various colors, and many are silver mounted. The actual pen-manship of the addresses on parchment is diverse and beautiful, such as one can only hope to set eyes upon once in a lifetime.

A staff of clerks is kept at work doing nothing but writing formal acknowledgments on his majesty's behalf. The acknowledgments are fairly written upon very deeply bordered foolscap. This is one of the penalties of being a king. The other day he was forced to receive fifty "loyal" deputations and reply to their addresses in person. It is not all fun to have a throne.

Rare Pieces of Americana.

Some rare pieces of Americana come up for sale in Leicester Square next week. They are arranged in date order, and include the following, among other pieces: John Lederer's "Discoveries," 1672; the Ashburton copy brought \$510; a set of Richard Hakluyt's "Principal Navigations," 1598-1600, with the original voyage to Cadiz; Raphe Hamer's "Present Estate of Virginia," 1615; Whitbourne's "Discourse and Discovery of Newfoundland," 1622, conand Discovery of Newfoundland, 1622, containing the 15 pp. of original letters, often wanting; E. Williams' "Virginia," 1650; both title pages and two wood cuts, but without the two maps; Josselyn's "New England Rarities," 1672, and "A Dissertation on Man's Fall," an example from the ware England Press, 1765. rare Ephrata Press, 1765.

Some high prices were realized at Christie's yesterday for examples of fine china and the like. An old Worcester dessert service, painted with exotic birds, bearing the crescent mark, brought \$1,725; there were about twenty-one pieces; three Chel-sea oviform vases and covers, sixteen inches and ten and a half inches high, \$1,025; an old Worcester jug, eleven and a half inches high, square mark, \$1,275; three Longton vases and covers, eleven inches and ten and a half inches high, \$1.075; an old Chelsea porcelain barrel, nine inches Though the terms are generous they can-long and seven and three-quarters not, six months hence, well be less so. The in diameter, \$1,150; a pair of Worcesnot, six months hence, well be less so. The British have surely no desire to take over a desolate and poverty-stricken country in which there can only be discontented and rebellious people who have no incentive to work and no means to do so with. At the

LAUREL NEWS.

Town Awards Contract for Water Works-Musical Entertainment. Special Correspondence of The Evening Star

LAUREL, Md., April 11, 1901. At the meeting of the water board held last night at the residence of Mr. Charles H. Stanley, with Mr. Allen, the engineer for the town, and Mr. Castoe, a member of the firm of contractors, present, the ation. There are two men here now from South Africa, Messrs. Sauer and Merriman, and instructed Mr. Costs to the work and instructed Mr. Castoe to have his bond and all necessary papers signed and ready who may be expected to have a full grasp to deliver at as early a date as is possible. of the situation there. They have humbly petitioned parliament to be allowed to lay day and pushed to commenced at an early day and pushed to completion. The contractor will have to furnish a bond of about \$10,000. Mr. Castoe informed the members of the board that he would have the papers ing will be called to accept them. A musical entertainment was given by a

number of young people of this town Tuesday night at the home of Dr. T. Watts Byerly, on Main street, under the auspices of the ladies of St. Philip's P. E. Church. A Brown and chorus; "Mississippi Rag." piano solo, by Miss Eva Phelps; "Annie Laurie." duet, Misses Snowden and Whitmore: "Love's Sorrows," Mr. F. C. Dezendorf; recitation, Mr. Wm. Tyson; "Coon Band Contest," Miss Margaret Sadier; "Mandy Lee," Miss Margaret Whitmore; medley rag time, Miss Drusie Flester; solo, Miss Mae Brown; "Juanita," Misses Snowder and Whitmore; "Old Kentucky Home," Mr Wm. Flester and chorus; "My Jersey Lilly Miss Lillian Snowden; intermezzo, "Sa lome," Miss Margaret Sadler: "When We D. Cronmiller: "Then You'll Remember Me Miss Margaret Whitmore; piano solo, Miss Eva Phelps; recitation, Mr. Wm. Tyson; solo, Miss Mae Brown; "Miss Phoebe," Wm. Flester; "Ben Bolt," Miss L. Snow den; duet, Misses Mae Brown and Margare Whitmore; "The Old Oaken Bucket," M F. C. Dezendorf and chorus.

PUBLIC WORK ORDERED. to Be Constructed on the As

sessment System. The District Commissioners have issued the following orders: That the following work be done under

the provisions of the assessment system. the same having been duly advertised: Construct sewers as follows: Along the 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 42, 43 and 44, of block 23, Columbia Heights subdivision; estimated cost, \$1,105. Along the easterly side of stitution. The latter's manager will have Maple avenue, abutting lots 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229 and 230, of Griswold's addition to Anacostia; estimated cost, \$350. Along Maple avenue between Spring and High streets, Anacostia, D. C., abutting all lots in Griswold's addition to Anacostia fronting on Maple avenue between Spring and High streets aforesaid. In alley o block 7, Bloomingdale, abutting lots 7, 8 20, 46, 47 and 48, of said block; estim cost, \$214. In Blair road between Carroll and Chestnut avenues, Takoma; estimated cost, \$980; abutting lots 1, 2 and 6, of block 11, and lot 1 of block 13, Cramer's addi tion to Takoma, and lots 23, 24, 25, 28, 29 32. 33, 36 and 37, of block 14, B. F. Gil bert's subdivision of Takoma; and in Chest-nut avenue between Blair road and the right of way of the Metropolitan branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad; estimated cost, \$850; abutting lots 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 19 and 20 of block 10, and lots 38, 41, 42, 45, 46 and 47 of block 14, all of B. F. Gilbert's subdivision of Takoma. In Chestnu Metropolitan branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and the District of Columb line; estimated cost, \$410; abutting lots 1 2 and 3 of block 11, and lot 15 of block 13, all of B. F. Gilbert's subdivision of Ta-That the time for the completion of con-

tract No. 2852, with W. F. Brenizer, for grading Cathedral avenue, is hereby excost of inspection. \$1,296; chargeable to the current appro-

Storrs Class Club Banquet. The Storrs Class Club, the social auxiliary

priation for repairs to streets.

of class 7 in the Fifth Congregational Sunday school, last night celebrated its first anniversary by giving a banquet to the members and friends of the club. The banquet was held at the residence of the teach er. Mr. Harry Miller, 824 I street northeast the dining room being tastefully decorate for the occasion with bunting and tropical plants. General Secretary Pierce of the Y. M. C. A. responded to the toast "Aim High." Rev. E. N. Kirby to "Our Namesakes" and Mr. Miller to "Class 7." Robert H. Olesen, president of the dub was toastmaster. }********************************** HOEKE'S. HOEKE'S.

Two-Days' Bargain Sale. Friday and Saturday we shall close out some small lots (rem-

nants)—and make a few timely introductions—both at wonderfully low prices. Just see how much you can ACTUALLY SAVE by responding to these offerings.

Remember, very limited quantities-so come early.

Reclining Go-

Cart. Just like the picture, includ-ing silk parasol, for the low-est price ever quoted in Washington— \$6.75.

SILK PARASOL, WORTH \$2.50, FREE WITH EVERY GO-CART BOUGHT HERE TOMORROW OR SAT-URDAY. One \$18 Oak China Closet. \$9.50

One \$12.50 Hanging Mahog \$6.75

Hanging China Cabinet, in \$8.75

One \$16.00 Double-door

The Complete Outfit.

HOEKE'S.

Iron Bed, worth \$3.75; Springs, worth \$2.50; Cotton-Top Mattress, worth \$2.75. Actually \$9 value—all for—

Save From \$2 to \$6 on Refrigerator By buying it now—and a Refrigerator that we guarantee positively to give \$6.75 fullest satisfaction, or money will be refunded. All sizes, with every modern improvement and facility. Prices begin at.....

Three \$13.50 Japanese Rugs: \$8,40 size 9x12. at—each....... Six \$7.50 Double-faced Rugs; \$5.48

Fourteen Japanese Hall Rugs. \$3.98 sizes 5 to 7, at each.........

Special Prices for Slip Covers.

For 3-plece Parlor \$5.00

Straw Mattings.

121/2c. Matting- 91/4c. a yard. | 25c. Matting-19c. a yard. 161/2c. Matting-121/2c. a yard. 3oc. Matting-25c. a yard.

Home's W. H. Hoeke, and 8th St.

ALKALI FOUND IN MARYLAND. An Interesting Discovery Made by

Prof. Whitney. In discussing the occasional occurrence of alkali in humid regions, Mr. Frank K. Cameron, in an Agricultural Department bulletin, cites a case in Maryland. He

"Early in May, 1900, while on a visit to the Maryland experiment station at College Park, Md., Prof. Whitney observed a gate and report upon the sanitary conditions caused by the alley, and that action, it is understood, will be taken by the lege Park, Md., Prof. Whitney observed a the station's grounds. A small sample was brought to the laboratory of this divisi and on examination gave such remarkable results as to make a more thorough examination seem desirable. On request, Prof. W. T. L. Taliaferro of the Maryland Agriready in a day or so and will send them to | cultural College kindly collected a sample the secretary, who will then notify the members of the board, when a special meetsoil to a depth of one-eighth of an inch. was carefully separated from the soil be neath with a sharp-cutting chisel. sample was taken from various spots on the dirt road as it crossed the field and out-side the wheel tracks. The road had been large gathering was present. The program made by scraping with a road machine the was as follows: "Old Black Joe." Miss Mae soil from the neighboring fields and throwing ft in the center, being subsequently The road material, therefore, might be expected to be the same as the soil of the contiguous field, but so far as we have been able to learn nothing like the

crust we have examined has been observed on the surface of the field itself. "It appears that this crust contains nearly 2 per cent of readily water-soluble salts, more than enough to characterize the soil as an 'alkali' soil if it had been found in the arid regions. It would certainly pro hibit the growth of any of our ordi crops. The origin of this material is not evident, for we are informed that these fields had not been fertilized, at least re cently, and certainly with no such large amounts as these analyses would indicate We have, then, as far as can be seen, no special conditions to account for this I heomenon, and it follows that 'alkali' conditions can occur even in humid regions. The idea suggests itself that possibly this nomenon may occur much more frequently than has been suspected hitherto, and that it would be well in the future to look for its occurrence in humid areas and closely observe the accompanying conditions as to

weather, climate, soil, moisture, etc. Independence Will Be Late.

Those in control of the cup candidate the Independence, building in East Boston, do not believe that she will be in the water north side of Harvard street between 11th much before May 10, and after that there and 13th streets, abutting lots 11, 12, 13, will be a world of things that will require attention before she is given a trial.

The opportunities offered to early test the speed of the Independence will be meathe Columbia at the bidding, and no bette tria! boat ever floated. Under these conditions the Independence

will be at much disadvantage. What merits the Boston boat will really possess can only be ascertained when in company with other known fast boats. As the case now stands that will be impossible in any recognized manner in the New York Yacht Club races or during the annual cruise. The Constitution's manager, Mr. W. But-ler Duncan, jr., will race that yacht whenever opportunity offers. He will prefer to race off Newport rather than in any other waters so far as her trials are concerned but he has said that whenever a club offers a cup for the ninety-footers his boat will be entered and with her the Columbia, i there are no objections to the course. So if the management of the Independence is as desirous of trying its boat as Mr. Duncan is to race the Constitution, her entry will be found alongside of the others and she will be at the starting line in all available races. The Constitution will

gladly meet all comers. Mr. Duncan ha

Suggests Thorough Inspection. Ex-Senator Wm. E. Chandler, chairman of the Spanish treaty claims commission, has requested the District Commissioners to give special directions that No. 1411 H street, the building to be occupied by the commission, shall be put in perfect condi-tion before it is occupied. If the health department makes inspections of buildings under such circumstances, says the exsenator, he will be glad to have it investigate and take the responsibility of saying that the sanitary conditions are perfect before the occupancy commences. The house he states, has been vacant for two years, and it appears, he adds, that the sewer drain leaks and that there is a closet in the basement which looks suspicio

Petition for Alley Paving. Mr. Walter E. Schneider of 121 and 120 T street and other interested parties have filed a petition with the District Commis sioners representing what they believe is an urgent necessity for paving the alley in the rear of T street between 1st and 2d, T and Thomas, and praying that the work be done at the earliest date possible. In this connection, Mr. A. C. Day of 1919 2d street assures the Commissioners that the

alley should be paved for the following reasons, which the petitioners omitted to state: Street drainage from 2d street above Thomas runs down Thomas street and into the aliey, which is above grade of the yards, the consequence being that most of them are flooded after rains, to the injury of the foundations of the houses and health of the people; and because the ground remains soggy and makes, he declares, a breeding ground for malaria.

Commissioner Ross has recommended that
the health officer be directed to investi-

Commissioners. The Anacostia Car

To the Editor of The Evening Star: I notice a letter from "Jno. W. Hodgson" in Tuesday evening's issue on the Anacostia car service, in which he asserts we are worse served than when the horse cars were in use. I will say in rebuttal that the Anacostians are well pleased at the wonderful change over the old-time "get-outand-push" arrangement. The new service is as superior to that, as the coming modes of propulsion to be used in this century will be to those now in use. The schedule would allow of some improvement, but we are willing to give the syndicate a chance, and if they do in the future on the line of improvement as they have in the past our friend on Carroll Hill will have no room for censure. I might make a suggestion that the company run cars closer together during busy morning and evening hours, and also hurry up that cross-town line on lith street, east or west, on Capitol Hill.

R. B. BUCKLEY. Only a Brush Fire.

The burning of some brush in Kenil-

worth this morning gave rise to a report

in this city to the effect that a serious

conflagration was in progress there. Inquiry was made and it was learned that the dwellings of the suburban village were not endangered. Unexplained Absence. The police authorities were this afternoon requested to look out for Edmund C. Codrick, a young white man, aged twentyone years, five feet four and a half inches tall, who has been missing from his home No. 1234 I street southeast, since Febru-

to Baltimore to draw his pay and has not since been seen by any of his friends in Washington.

ary 9. The missing man was a yard

brakeman for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. On the day mentioned he went

George F. Jones, a former collector for a Philadelphia firm, today pleaded guilty in the Police Court of illegally collecting \$1 in each of twelve cases. Prosecutor Mullowny said he had received twenty-eight complaints against the man, but had decided to recommend that he be sentenced in ten cases, his personal bonds be taken in two others and that sixteen be nolle prossed. The penalty imposed by Judge Mills in the

ten cases was ten months in jall. Lieut. Commander J. M. Bowyer has

been detached from the Brooklyn and ordered home. Lieut. Commander J. K. Barton, from the Yokohama Hospital to the Brooklyn.

Lieut. John H. Gibbons, from the Brook lyn to the Oregon.

Lieut. C. M. Knepper, from the Isle Cuba to Nome.

Medical Inspector J. R. Waggener has been detached from charge of the Cavite Hospital and ordered to the Mare Island

Hospital for treatment. He has been condemned by medical survey.

Captain N. H. Hall, U. S. M. C., from
Cavite station to the Newark, relieving
Captain Charles S. Hill, who is ordered to
the 1st Brigade of Marine at the Cavite

station. Second Lieut. Y. Foote, U. S. M. C., from the Boston barracks to Mare Island, Cal.

Army Orders.

Major William B. Schofield, additional paymaster, U. S. A., has been relieved from further duty in China and ordered to San Francisco. The commanding officer of the legation guard at Pekin has been designated acting paymaster for that command. Capt. Douglass Settle, 17th U. S. Infantry, has been detailed to fill a vacancy in the subsistence department.

Major George G. Arthur, additional paymaster U. S. Volunteers, now at San Fran-cisco, has been ordered home on waiting orders.
Second Lieut. George M. Brooke, Artil

lery Corps, has been assigned to the 26th Company of the Coast Artillery, with station at Fort Flagler, Washington. Major B. P. Runkle has been detailed as professor of military science and tactics at the University of Maine, Orono, Me. He has just been relieved from similar duty at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

the average condition of winter wheat on April 1 to have been 91.7, against 82.1 on

and Oklahoma, 97,

April 1, 1900, 77.9 at the corresponding date In 1809 and 82.9, the mean of the April averages of the last ten years. The averages in the principal states are as follows: Pennsylvania, 89: Ohio, 83: Michigan, 72; Indiana, 89; Illinois, 92; Yexas, 63; Tennessee, 81; Missouri, 98; Kansas, 105; Nebraska, 100; California, 100,

While the general average of condition 1.7, is the highest since 1891, the presence The result of the test of the armor plate of the Hessian fly is reported from an alwill decide whether or not any further Zachariah Wingfield today, in the Police most unprecedentedly large number of tests will be made. If the test is favora-Court, pleaded guilty of keeping a disorderstates, and serious misgivings prevail, ble it may result in the adoption by the

April 1 was 93.1, against 84.8 on April 1, 1900, 84.9 at the corresponding date in 1898, and 88.3, the mean of the April averages of the last ten years. In New York and Pennsylvania it was 92, in Illinois and Kansas 100, in Indiana 98 and in Michigan and Ohio 90.

The average condition of winter rve on

ARMOR PLATE TO BE TESTED. Made by a New Process and Costs Only \$150 a Ton. An experimental plate, produced by an

entirely new process, has been dispatched from the works of the Carbon Steel Company in Pittsburg to the government proving grounds at Indian Head, Md., to be subjected to the regulation ballistic test. government of this new armor, which can

paid and the cost of the new armor. The battle ship Alabama class of vessels is used as an instance of saving. There are about 2,600 tons of armor on such ships, and the use of the new armor would mean a clear saving of \$793,000 to the government on each vessel.

the same period of years. Germany, however, is rapidly gaining in the race for population. In 1874-8 her excess over the united kingdom was 58 per cent; in 1894-8 it was 7 per cent. Taxes Are Higher in England. Probably Great Britain was never more n danger than at present of losing her title of the only free trade country in the world. This is largely owing to the rise in income

for sixty days without penalty or That the roadway of F street northeast from 14th to 15th streets be repaired at an estimated cost of \$480, with macadam from the District quarry, to be furnished and